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Hard Hat Day – the official kickoff to the 2008 Construction Season!

Downtown Lansing's lunchtime crowd was a sea of yellow hard hats on Wednesday, April 2 as pedestrians participated in the official start of the construction season.

In less than an hour, 1,000 hard hats were distributed (to eager kids at heart!) The hard hats were also a way to remind people that the environment will be a better place after the construction is over.

In addition to the regular patrons of downtown, students from various elementary schools visiting the Capitol were thrilled to receive hard hats as an unexpected souvenir of their trip to Lansing.



The CSO Control Program may be the single largest environmental protection effort in mid-Michigan history!

CSO Construction = Cleaner Rivers

When you face CSO construction almost every day, it's easy to forget what the CSO Program is really for. It's not to cause confusion or delay, or to give us smooth new roads (although they are a nice benefit). It's to prevent sewage from entering our rivers. Not only does this make them cleaner for fishing and recreation, it enhances the entire ecosystem throughout Lansing and the downstream communities.

With Earth Day approaching on April 22, don't forget to celebrate the CSO Control Program. Smile as you route through detours, knowing that the minor inconvenience will have long-lasting positive effects for generations to come. Who knew those annoying orange cones would actually lead to cleaner water! Go Green! Go Lansing!



Earth Day Events in Lansing

Mayor Virg Bernero and the Greater Lansing Go Green! Initiative will host the **Greater Lansing Earth Day Celebration** on Tuesday, April 22, at Lansing City Hall from 10am to 2pm. The event is designed to celebrate the role of youth in environmental conservation and encourage area students to share their ideas about how to improve and protect our environment. Students in grades K-7 will explain environmental issues through artwork, table top displays and individual visual/vocal performances. The public is invited to join the celebration and enjoy food, live music and a touch-a-bio-diesel truck activity while supporting the efforts of young people to create a cleaner greener greater Lansing. For more information, visit www.GoGreenGoLansing.com.

The Go Green! Initiative is also co-sponsoring the **Adopt-A-River** cleanup event on April 26, along with the Lansing Board of Water and Light and Impression 5 Science Center. The cleanup will begin at 9am in the Impression 5 parking lot on Museum Drive. In addition to a free lunch, volunteers will also be given free admission to Impression 5 and have the opportunity to take home a new addition to their family with this year's Adopt-A-Tree program. To register for the cleanup, visit www.impression5.org.

CSO Traffic Updates and Construction Progress

Downtown – Grand Avenue

- Grand is closed to traffic; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Jack and bore operation is underway at Grand and Michigan
- An 8-inch water main has been installed on Grand from Hillsdale to St. Joseph
- Underground sewer pipe lining has been completed on Lenawee





Going Forward:

- **May 31:** Construction University for kids of all ages (Part of "Be a Tourist in Your Own Town" activities)
- **Spring 2008:** Adopt-a-Garden

Don't Forget to Vote!

Our new environmental mascot needs a name! This friendly fish will be seen in all sorts of places to help remind you that CSO construction is helping to make the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers cleaner places.

You have until April 25 to vote, so please visit www.LansingCSO.com or send your favorite from the list of names to mascot@m3group.biz. Here are your choices:



1. Lance
2. Cosmo
3. Sunny
4. Cappy
5. Swish

The winning name will be announced in early May in the *Construction Observer*.

Important Junk

This e-newsletter and major traffic advisories will now be sent to you from a new e-mail address, LansingCSO@ci.lansing.mi.us. Please be sure to add us to your friends list and check your junk/spam folder if you stop receiving updates.

For traffic updates, tune into 530AM, or text the word "lansingcso" to 67463 (msgme) for direct notification.

018 SW – Larch from Saginaw to Grand River Avenue

- Larch is closed to traffic from Oakland to Grand River; local businesses are open and detours are posted
- Larch is closed to through traffic between Shiawassee to Oakland
- Pavement removal has started on Larch south of Grand River
- Lead water service replacements have started on Larch

020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area

- Jerome between Pennsylvania and Hosmer is closed to through traffic; local businesses are open and accessible
- Jerome lead water service replacements complete
- 300+ feet of sanitary sewer has been installed on Hosmer
- Sanitary sewer installation has been completed on Vine

018 SE – Oakland and Pennsylvania Area

- Pennsylvania reduced to two lanes north bound ONLY from Saginaw to Grand River Avenue
- Side streets are open to traffic
- Sanitary sewer installation will start on Pennsylvania from Grand River to Oakland next week
- Water main installed on Porter from Johnson to Cleveland
- Water main installed on Clark from Oakland to May
- Water main is being installed on Camp from Porter to Grand River
- Storm sewer is being installed on Clark from Oakland to May



Pavement removal operations



Water main installation on Clark

013 NW – Neighborhood SW of Sheridan and Turner

- Traffic control signage is being set up
- Underground sewer pipes lined on Paulson and Turner
- Water main installation start on Felt and Carrier next week

045 – Larch from Michigan to Saginaw

- Larch is closed to through traffic north of Shiawassee; local businesses are open and detours are posted

034A – Neighborhood SE of MLK Jr. and Mt. Hope

- Local streets are open to traffic
- Sanitary sewer and manholes are being installed on Rundle
- Water main and water service installation has started on Rundle



Manhole installation on Rundle

013 NE – Chilson and N. East Street

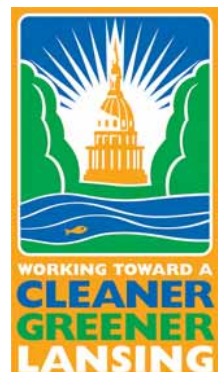
- Traffic control is in place. One lane of traffic is open in each direction on N. East
- Silt and sediment control fencing has been installed in Gier Park
- Water main installation to start in Gier Park, N. East and Chilson next week

Other City of Lansing Construction Project Updates

The Michigan Avenue Streetscape Project

Work on this project, which began during the 2007 construction season, will resume in the next few weeks. Interpretive signage production is underway and installation is expected by the end of May.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to Alec Malvetis, Assistant City Engineer/CSO Project Manager at amalveti@ci.lansing.mi.us.



This is a significant environmental and infrastructure legacy we are giving future generations, and we should be proud!